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To the Dept of Agriculture:

I have two concerns and issues that I would like to address at this public meeting.

- #1. I am currently serving as the Domestic Marketing Committee Chairman of the United States Potato Board. As you discuss the new farm bills, I would appreciate your considering MAPP funding for domestic purposes. My reasoning is that we on the board have seen the successful benefits internationally of MAPP programs in establishing new markets and maintaining current markets through reverse trade missions and such. We're feeling an ever increasing pressure of outside foreign supplies trying to tap in on the domestic market. Because of our limited funds, it becomes very difficult to protect those markets. MAPP funding would make that a greater possibility.
- #2. Having been a participant in the CRP program for many years, it seems a little redundant to, upon reentering a contract after 10 years, to have to destroy a well-established conservation cover crop only to reestablish it with a very similar crop. My concerns are that during the time of reestablishment, animal habitat is destroyed and erosion again takes place from wind and water because the sidehills are unprotected.

Thank you for your consideration on these items.

Sincerely,



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